UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ANTHONY BUTLER,

Case No. 3:20-cv-00560-MMD-WGC

Petitioner.

ORDER

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W. GITTERE, et al.,

Respondents.

This habeas matter is before the Court on Petitioner Anthony Butler's Motion to Stay Case. (ECF No. 16.) Respondents filed a non-opposition. (ECF No. 17.)

Petitioner challenges a 2012 conviction and sentence imposed by the Eighth Judicial District Court for Clark County. Petitioner previously challenged this same judgment of conviction in federal court. See Butler v. State of Nevada, Case No.: 2:12-cv-01682-MMD-GWF (D. Nev. Filed Sept. 25, 2012). In the 2012 case, Petitioner filed his petition before the state court issued the judgment of conviction, and the Court dismissed his petition as fully unexhausted. See id. at ECF No. 4. In June 2021, Petitioner filed a motion for relief from final judgment based on Mena v. Long, 813. F.3d 907, 912 (9th Cir. 2016). See id. at ECF No. 9.

Petitioner requests a stay in this action pending a ruling on his motion for relief from final judgment in the 2012 case. He further represents that the resolution of the motion for relief affects the nature and substance of his amended petition in this matter. The Court finds that a stay is warranted and will administratively close this action. Within 30 days of the entry of an order regarding Petitioner's motion for relief from final judgment in his 2012 case, he may file a motion to reopen this action.

It is therefore ordered that Petitioner Anthony Butler's Motion to Stay Case (ECF

No. 16) is granted.

The Clerk of Court is directed to administratively close this action until such time as the Court grants a motion to reopen the action.

DATED THIS 6th Day of July 2021.

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CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE